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Born Feb. 22, 1732. Died Dec. 14, 1799. George Washington "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The South has its Lee and its Jackson; the North its Lincoln and its Grant. But the Nation has its Washington. Thank God that there is one great name that is recognized as a common heritage and stands out far above petty sectionalism, and one that is still unsullied by its taint. The whole Republic claims him and do reverence to his immortal memory today.

One of the greatest calamities that could befall the agricultural interests of Virginia at this time would be the passage of the Rhinhart bill to abolish the State Agricultural Board. This board directs the farm demonstration work of the state and its abolishment would mean the driving out of Virginia of the \$20,000 the Federal government is expending toward the education of our farmer boys. Forty or fifty counties in this state have gone into the demonstration work, most of which would be compelled to drop it, if they had to bear the entire expense. But the general government bears half, thus making it easy on the several counties to make up the other half. Just when Virginia is awaking to her wonderful possibilities, just as our farmers are learning that it is possible to make two stalks of corn grow where it was almost impossible to get one, along comes a reactionary with a root bill, the effect of which would be to stop the progress making in all lines of agriculture. The Peninsula farmers should get busy with pen and ink, or with personal influence against this unwarranted and destructive measure as embodied in the Rhinhart bill. It should meet summary defeat and no doubt will, if it ever gets out of committee. The farmer enjoys very little of the good things distributed around. It should be remembered that the farmer and his interests are the basis of all our wealth and prosperity. Give him a square deal, even if he is too busy or too poor to employ a lobby to see that he is not discriminated against.

The city council would perform a sensible act if it would ask the legislature to amend the city charter so as to allow Williamsburg to fix its own tax rate. We are limited to \$1.25 on the hundred, which would be inadequate to furnish revenue to meet an emergency. In a few years we shall have to build a new school house for our white children. The gas plant within the next year or two will have to be supplied with a new generator, which costs \$2,000. We may have another fire to destroy the courthouse, et cetera. The town should not be handicapped with this senseless provision in the charter. The time to meet an emergency is before it is at hand. The legislature will adjourn soon for two years, and the amendment should be offered at once. Mr. Chairman Lane called attention to this defect in the charter and we are sure he will see that this

handicap is removed. It will prove a monument to his wisdom and common sense.

Society Vaudeville Success

The "Society Vaudeville," given in Cameron Hall Monday night, was a most charming and successful event, both from a histrionic and financial view point. The overcrowded hall, the packed house, proved the popularity of the players and the wide interest taken in the affair by the public.

There was not a dull moment from the time the College Quartette sang its way into the hearts of the audience, till the moving pictures, the best seen there yet, closed the performance. Each part was a "feature" and to single out any particular one as the best would not be quite fair to the others. Except for Mrs. Groat, the players were amateurs, but what the latter lacked in experience on the boards, was supplied by careful training for their parts.

The singing of Miss Sayedge, in which she displayed great talent; and the singing and vaudeville act of Mrs. Groat, which demonstrated the difference between the trained actor and the amateur; the Japanese Love Song were the strongest features of the evening's entertainment. However Cinderella, by the little Turks Troupe, and a Dream of Fair Women were far above the average. Matt and Jeff furnished the fun of the evening. So well was the performance received that there is a strong demand for its repetition at an early date.

The total receipts were \$111.00 and the net proceeds \$105.60, which goes to the public library. The ladies in charge of the Vaudeville desire to thank the public for its liberal patronage, the performers, and all who in any way contributed to the success of the entertainment.

Trustees Win Big Suit

In the United States circuit court of appeals, at Richmond Tuesday, a per curiam opinion was handed down in the case of George W. Holt & Company, appellant, against the trustees for the Williamsburg Knitting Mill, bankrupt, appellees, appeal from the district court at Norfolk, which rules that unless notice of a conditional sale is filed in some court of record by the purchaser, the contract becomes void and the vendor cannot recover the property from the trustee of the bankrupt. This is in affirmation of the lower court.

Attorney N. J. Henley represented the Knitting mill trustees. The amount involved was about \$6,600.

Heaviest Storm in Years

One of the heaviest windstorms that ever swept over this city, visited Williamsburg last night, and while no great damage was done, people were kept awake by the howling winds. The storm broke over the city about 10:30, following a terrific downpour of rain. From then until along in the morning the gale kept up an incessant roar. It is still blowing hard this morning, but not with so much force as during the night.

Signs were twisted or blown down in places and one old tree, a landmark in front of the Peachy house on Duke of Gloucester street, was prostrated by the gale. The storm probably did much damage throughout the country districts, but no one seems to have suffered and injury and no houses were blown down.

Newport News and the lower part of the Peninsula seems to have had a terrific blow, and much damage was done. Of course, the storming's toll was taken in the waters where the wind must have been at hurricane velocity.

Long distance telephones were put out of order as were several telephones in town. The only out-of-town communication is with Newport News.

Thorpe Purcell of Richmond has recovered from his illness of the past and we are sure he will see that this

Northern Lights Still Shine

This has been a most strenuous week for the William and Mary organization of students known as the "Northern Lights." As the name indicates, this club is composed of students from north of Mason's and Dixon's line. It is purely social, and is especially free in bestowing its "social" features upon initiates.

As told in last week's paper, a young student was found tied to a post in the Institute grounds. That account said the youth was "chilled and showed evidences of having been roughly handled" by parties unknown, also said to have been collegemates. It turns out that the youth had only been undergoing a little gentle initiating by those who had already walked the plank, or more correctly speaking, had previously walked or crawled under several planks. The faculty heard of the affair and started a little investigation on its own hook.

After sitting on the case real hard for one or two evenings, the faculty decided the organization should disband, and that individual members should sign a pledge that they would disband. They were given till six o'clock last Saturday night to comply with the mandate of the faculty. The Northern Lights, conscious of their rectitude, made a counter proposition to the faculty, that would save to the club its integrity as such, upon agreement not to use any rough methods—no bed-slats, walking sticks, fence rails or bludgeons—and in future to conduct their initiation along safe and sane lines. Then Sunday, after it was rumored the "Lights" would walk out in a body if they were compelled to disband, 127 students assembled in the chapel and joined in a petition to the faculty, urging that body to accept the terms of the Northern Lights, along with an apology for their "indiscretion" in being too free in the methods of initiation. Again the faculty met and this time yielded to the wish of the vast majority of the student-body.

Most of the young men who compose the little club are very prominent and popular and the action of the faculty has met the approval of practically the entire student-body. The faculty was at first disposed to treat the matter seriously, but it developed that the affair was not half so bad as first reported and that it was more an indiscretion than any attempt at violation of the college rules. Yet the faculty will not stand for a repetition of the work, and there is no fear of it being done. All's well that ends well, but it does look like a pity to spoil so much fun.

No Road Meeting Today.

The widely advertised meeting of the Peninsula Good Roads Association failed to materialize here to day, and caused some disappointment among those who came to attend. It had been announced that a meeting would be held on this holiday, thinking that a larger attendance could be secured. The object of the meeting was to devise some plan to raise money to complete the work on the Peninsula highway, and to make the necessary repairs.

The road is very bad at this time, but as soon as spring opens it will harden up and go back to normal. But a great deal of repair work will be necessary to keep it up. This will require money. The various counties will contribute their quota but that will be inadequate. A meeting will probably be held at an early date in this city to make arrangements for spring work on the road.

More machinery is arriving for the knitting mill, and work is progressing rapidly now and is nearing completion. It will not be many days before it will be definitely known when the plant will resume operations. Williamsburg is going to have a big industry and one that will bring many new employees here.

Work is progressing on the new residence being constructed for Mr. W. A. Bozarth, opposite the depot. The frame work is up.

Hints to Dairymen.

Manager E. M. Slauson is engaged in sending out a circular this week to the patrons of the creamery, which gives some valuable hints on handling and preparing the product. Especially does he emphasize the danger of garlic tainted cream. He recommends that the milk cows be kept off the early grass and be fed dry feed till later in the season. Then when the milk cow is turned out to pasture she should be brought in at noon and fed on dry feed in the afternoon, being careful to keep her away from garlic. Other hints are:

Don't feed turnips in the barn or before milking; do it directly after. Don't leave the cow in the crimson clover or rye too late in the afternoon, as these have a tendency to give the milk a bad flavor. Don't forget to cool off the cream directly after you separate the milk, by stirring. Don't mix warm cream with cold cream, not even the last separation just before you start to the creamery.

Mr. Burleson's cream check for last month was \$138.85. He has thirteen cows, which shows that they averaged him a little over \$10.85 each. It was a bad month, too. This goes to show the doubting Thomases what there is in the dairy business for the James City and York farmers, if they will only take hold of this opportunity that is held out to them.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Bacon, Va., Feb. 21—Mrs. Peter Gray and Mrs. Charles Williams spent Monday with Williamsburg friends.

Mrs. Charles Thompson spent Tuesday at the Casey farm, the guest of Mrs. W. Spencer.

Miss Marian Wilkinson was the guest of Miss Clara New on Thursday last.

Mr. George Richardson and wife spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. Joseph Graves.

Mrs. J. R. Austin spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. J. K. Nightengale, of Indigo Dam farm.

Mrs. W. A. New and daughter, Miss Clara, spent Monday at Bacon, the guests of Miss Virginia Hitchens and grandmother.

Mr. E. Edmondson, of Greenspring farm, met with a painful accident while hauling logs on Tuesday; the sweep rope parting causing the log to fall on his lower limbs.

Mr. J. B. C. Spencer, who was in a Washington hospital for medical treatment, is getting along so well that he is able to go to the home of his son, Dr. Blair Spencer, to recuperate. He is expected home in a week or two.

Where to Worship Sunday

EPISCOPAL.
Bruton Parish Church.
E. Ruffin Jones, Rector.
Morning service, 11:15 a. m.
Evening service, 8 p. m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday 11:15; 3rd Sunday 8 a. m.
In the Parish House—Sunday school, 10 a. m.

BAPTIST.
M. J. Hoover, Pastor.
Services every Sunday at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

METHODIST.
Rev. J. T. Whitley, D. D., Pastor.
Regular preaching services 11:15 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, night services at 8 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Mr. C. B. Griffin Sunday school superintendent.
Epworth League Sunday at 7 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN.
Services every Sunday at 11, and p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

LUTHERAN.
Rev. Edward Brekhuis, Pastor.
Services every 4th Sunday 3 p. m. at Bruton Parish church.

Services at Norge Sunday mornings at 10:30. Sunday School at close of service. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Young People's Society meets every second Saturday at 8 p. m.

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A. J. Renforth, Minister.
Sunday School and communion every Sunday morning. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sunday 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Baseball Schedule 1912

March 23, Randolph-Macon, (exhibition) in Williamsburg.
March 30, McGuire's School, in Williamsburg.
April 6, Fredericksburg College, in Williamsburg.
April 10, Catholic University, in Washington, D. C.
April 11, Maryland Aggies, in College Park, Md.
April 12, Mt. St. Mary's, in Emmitsburg, Md.
April 13, Gallaudet, in Washington, D. C.
April 17, University of South Carolina, in Williamsburg.
April 20, Hampden-Sidney, in Williamsburg.
April 27, Randolph-Macon, in Ashland, Va.
May 4, Medical College of Va., in Williamsburg, Va.
May 8, Richmond College, in Richmond, Va.
May 11, Hampden-Sidney, in Farmville, Va.
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May 20, Randolph-Macon, in Williamsburg, Va.



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